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VIA EMAIL:

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Mr. Joe Yun
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Re: Proposition 84 IRWM Planning Grant – Preliminary Recommendation Comments

Dear Mr. Yun:

It is with pleasure that I learn that the Gateway IRWM Region's Proposition 84 planning grant application has been recommended for funding by the staff of the Department of Water Resources. I support the award of this grant to the Gateway IRWM Authority.

The funding recommended by DWR for planning will enable the Gateway Authority to efficiently and effectively coordinate a truly inclusive planning and implementation process. The Gateway Region is a diverse area of nearly 2 million people, with fully 12 of the 26 cities in the region classified as disadvantaged. Accordingly, the Gateway Authority has structured its governing board to include officials from disadvantaged communities, water retailers and wholesalers, and water quality advocacy groups, ensuring that all stakeholders have a direct say in guiding, selecting, and participating in the decision-making process for both regional planning and implementation efforts.

I appreciate the enormous undertaking by Department of Water Resources to craft guidelines and solicitations to carry out the IRWM program. I encourage your continued support of IRWM groups like the Gateway IRWM Authority, which place disadvantaged community leaders at the helm of regional planning efforts and which continue to enjoy ground-level support from their stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roderick D. Wright".

RODERICK D. WRIGHT
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